

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 9070

October 28, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Except in existing exemptions when a physician is authorized to treat a minor, prohibits a person licensed under the Department of Health (DOH) to practice medicine, including persons authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccinations, from providing medical treatment to a minor without written consent from the minor's legal guardian or a court order.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the DOH website, the Mature Minor Doctrine permits healthcare providers to treat certain minors without parental consent. A physician is authorized to treat a minor between 14 and 18 years old without parental consent, unless the physician believes the minor is not sufficiently mature to make his or her own health care decisions.
- The proposed legislation will prohibit a person licensed to practice medicine, including persons authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccinations, from providing medical treatment to a minor without parental consent, unless the minor has been emancipated.
- Physicians will continue to be authorized to treat juvenile drug abusers, prenatal minors, and minors in emergency situations.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the policies and procedures of the DOH. No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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